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## SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

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RECOGNIZING THE IMPORTANCE OF AN ADDITIONAL AMBULANCE TO SERVE  
RESIDENTS IN THE MAKALEI AREA, KAILUA-KONA, ISLAND OF  
HAWAII.

1 WHEREAS, residents in the Makalei area of Kailua-Kona, on  
2 the Island of Hawaii would greatly benefit from the addition of  
3 an advanced life support ambulance to augment the Hawaii county  
4 emergency medical services system; and  
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6 WHEREAS, the population of this area has significantly  
7 increased over the years, which has corresponded with a steady  
8 increase in calls for emergency medical services; and  
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10 WHEREAS, access to primary health care in Kailua-Kona is  
11 challenging for the community; and  
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13 WHEREAS, for many residents, primary care services are as  
14 far as thirty miles away; and  
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16 WHEREAS, coupled with economic and transportation  
17 challenges, emergency medical services have become the health  
18 care access point for many residents; and  
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20 WHEREAS, due to the lack of resources, it has become common  
21 for paramedics to respond to as many as ten calls for emergency  
22 medical transportation during a twenty-four hour shift; and  
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24 WHEREAS, the potential for fatigue resulting in errors in  
25 judgment, driving, and overall safety are of great concern for  
26 personnel and residents; and  
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28 WHEREAS, a new advanced life support ambulance will help  
29 reduce death and disability among residents and visitors in  
30 Kailua-Kona; and  
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BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Thirtieth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2019, the House of Representatives concurring, that this body recognizes the importance of an additional ambulance to serve residents in the Makalei area, Kailua-Kona, Island of Hawaii; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Director of Health and Mayor of the County of Hawaii.

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